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SUBJECT: Bydgoszcz Airfield (Bromberg)

known as Bromberg) from a passenger train on 12 and 14 July and 3 August 1951. [redacted] the landing field was extended to the south and east.

2. [redacted] enlarging, which started in the southern section of the field in the spring of 1951, was to be completed by the fall of 1952. About 1,500 laborers were allegedly employed. Three spur tracks leading to the area were observed in the southern section of the field. Two tracks branched off from the northern railroad siding. On one track there were about 60 cars loaded with gravel, cement, bricks, stones, and other construction material. Concreting machines were observed in operation in the southern section of the field. [redacted] hangars, workshops, quarters and an underground fuel dump were to be constructed there. Two low wooden buildings, occupied by construction workers, were near the Trzciniec (P 54/H 84) railroad station.

3. The landing field which covered an area of several square kilometers had a poor grass cover and some gravel spots. The E-W runway was covered with concrete. From this runway a staked-off strip extended to the south. [redacted] a second concrete runway was to be constructed there.

4. [redacted] a resident from Bydgoszcz, three hangars with semi-circular roofs were on the northern edge of the field. Adjacent and northeast of the hangars were two three-story buildings. One housed administrative offices of the field and the other was fully occupied by air force soldiers. Two large temporary buildings were erected in the eastern section of the field, along the road which branched off from the main road to the field. These buildings were also occupied by air force soldiers. A taxiway about 18 meters wide led from the buildings to the northern edge of the field to the eastern end of the runway. A red obstacle light was observed. There was no radio installation at the field.

5. No aircraft were observed at the field. All the hangars were closed. [redacted] the field was allegedly occupied by [redacted] during the daytime.

6. The former Ulanen Kaserne was on the northern side of Szubinska Street on

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the main road leading from the field to the town. About six three-story residential buildings which were not plastered, 25 x 70 meters each, and three brick garages were observed from the main road. The six buildings were fully occupied by about 1,000 Polish Air Force troops. No guns were observed. On 3 August 1951, a group of about 100 men who wore flying suits marched from the barracks installation to the airfield.

7. A military radio installation with a steel mast about 20 meters high was on a small hill at the drill field west of the former Ulanen Kaserne.

8. [ ] observed many Polish Air Force officer trainees. The airfield and the former Ulanen Kaserne were the only installations in Bydgoszcz which were observed to be occupied by air force troops. \*

that Bydgoszcz airfield has been expanded considerably to the south and east. This may be the reason why the 4th GA Regt of the Polish Air Force, which was still reported there in 1950, was transferred to another airfield. The assumption that the former Ulanen Kaserne is occupied by a Polish Air Force officers school which conducts basic pilot training at the airfield may be correct. With regard to the buildings on the northern edge of the field, [ ] could not identify the individual buildings when passing by train along the western edge of the field. [ ]

[ ] four intact hangars, two destroyed hangars, a repair hangar, and a small wooden hangar were located on the northern edge of the field. The information that two large temporary buildings were erected on the foundations of two destroyed hangars is believed credible. [ ] at an ammunition dump was in the wooded area west of the field and a fuel dump in an old cemetery 1 km east of the field. Both dumps

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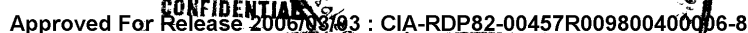
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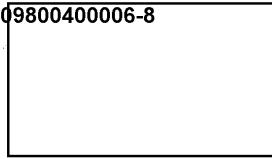
Bydgoszcz Airfield as of Early-August 1951



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Legend:

- 1 Runway about 60 x 800 meters.
- 2 Taxiway.
- 3 Staked-off strip.
- 4 Expansion work under way.
- 5 Mining car tracks.
- 6 Low wooden buildings occupied by construction laborers
- 7 Vacated farmhouses.
- 8 Three hangars.
- 9 Two three-story buildings.
- 10 Two large temporary buildings erected on the foundations of former hangars.
- 11 Area on which expansion work is under way to the east.
- 12 Former Ulanen Kaserne.
- 13 Drill field.

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